ALABAMA BAPTIST HISTORICAL SOCIETY

MINUTES·

OF THE

# The Fortieth Annual Session Of The

# Little Vine Association

OF

# PRIMITIVE BAPTISTS.

HELD WITH

FORKS OF BUTTAHATCHIE CHURCH, MARION COUNTY, ALABAMA,

SEPTEMBER 14 and 15, 1894.

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The next Session of the Body will be held with New Hope Church, Marion Co., Ala., Commencein on Friday before the 3rd Sunday in September 1885.

## MINUTES.

Through the goodness and mercy of God, the delegates composing the Pine Vine association, [illegible] committed to meet pursuant to adjournment, with the Fork of the Buttahatchie church.

I. The introductory sermon was delivered by A. J. Taylor, from the Prophet Isah, 59 chapter and 21 verse.

II. After a short entermission the delegates assembled in the house for business. Organized by J. J. Godsey, and appointed J. Winsett clerk, pro tem. Prayer by A. J. Holcomb.

III. Called for letrs from different churches and names of delegates enrolled. See total.

IV. Called for petitionery letters, none presented.

W. Elected J. A. Holcomb, moderator, and John Winsett, clerk.

VI. Called for correspondance letters. Received minutes from Buttahatchie association, presented by G. W. Nolen. Visitors seated, right hand of fellowship extended to correspondance. Minutes from Mississippi Shoals association, no correspondant.

VII. Appointed a committee on arrangements, viz: M. H. Glenn, B. W. Howell and W. M. Davis with the moderator.

VIII. Appointed a committee on preaching, viz: M. H. Glenn, B. W. Howell and W. M. Davis, A. M. Mays, E. W. Creel and J. A. Beasley.

IX. Appointed a committee on finance. M. H. Glenn and B. W. Howell.

X. Adjourned until Saturday morning 9 o'clock. Prayer by J. A. Owens.

XI. Saturday morning. Met pursuant to adjournment. Prayer by J. J. Godsey.

XII. Calling of the roll, a quorum found present.

XIII. Called for committee on arrangements. Report read, received and committee discharged.

XIV. Called for committee on preaching. Report received and committee dischaged. They appointed J. J. Godsey and A. J. Taylor for the forenoon, J. A. Owens and J. T. Harris for the afternoon.

XV. Appointed the next session of this body to be held with New Hope church, Marion county, Ala. 7 miles north of Hamilton, commencing on Friday before the 3rd Sunday in Sept. 1895.

XVI. Elected J. T. Harris to preach the introductory sermon, J. T. Harris alternate.

XVII. Arranged district meeting to commence with New Salem church Itawamba county Miss. Commencing on Friday before the 3rd Sunday in August 1895. J. A. Holcomd to preach, J. Winsett alternate.

XVIII. Elected Brother J. T. Harris to write circular letter

and present at our next ses io

XIX Elected brethren to fill the stand on Sunday, viz: J. A. Owen and J. T. Harris in the forenoon and J. A. Holcomb in the afternoon.

XX. Called for report of committee on finance. Reported from different churches $5.

XXI. Appointed the clerk, treasurer, and instructed him to have 200 copies of the minutes printed and reserve 50 copies for correspondants.

XXII. M. H. Glenn and B. W. Howell distributing agents.

XXIII. Callled for reading of corresponding letter, read and received.

[illegible] and seconded that we send letter and messengers to Buttahatchie association by the following brethren, viz; J. T. Harris, J. A. Holcomb, A. J. Taylor and J. J. Godsey.

25. Called for circular letter, read, received and ordered printed in these minutes.

26. Called on the moderator to tender our thanks to the brothers and sisters and friends for their kindness to us during our stay with them.

27. Having gone through with the business of the association we adjourned to meet at the time and place set forth in these minutes

J. A. Holcomb, Moderator.

[illegible] Clerk.

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## CIRCULAR LETTER.

To the Little Vine Association now in session.

Dear brethren:

According to an appointment of your body at her last session you will expect, from me, something in the form of a circular letter based upon some portion of the scripture and for that purpose I have selected the following scripture as a subject to write on. 1st. Cor. 2nd. ch. 2nd. ver. "For I am determed not to know anything among you save Jesus Christ and him crucified.

We first will notice that the person of Jesus was a man after the flesh, for Peter said Acts 2nd ch. and 22nd verse: "Jesus of Nazareth a man approved of God among you by miracles and wonders and signs which God did by him", also that he hath appointed a day in the which he will judge the world in righteousness by that man whom he hath given assurance unto all men in that he raised him from the dead.

Then it is man that is raised, for since by man came death, by man

came the resurection of the dead. then knowing that he which raised up the Lord Jesus raise up us also by Jesus and present us with him. Phillipians, 3 chapter and 21 verse. Then it is the body that is to be changed, who shall change this vile body of ours that it may be fashioned like unto his glorious body according to the workings whereby he is able to subdue all things unto himself. Thesalonians, 1st chapter and 10th verse. And to wait for his son from heaven whom he raiced from the dead even Jesus who delivered us from the wrath to come. 4th chapter and 14th verse. For if we believe that Jesus died and arose again evenso them also which sept in Jesus will God bring with him, 15 verse, For this we say unto you, by the word of the Lord, that we, which are alive and remain unto the comming of the Lord, shall not prevent them that are asleep. 16 verse, For the Lord himself shall desend from the heavens with a shout; with the voice of the arch angel and with the triumph of God and the dead in christ shall rise first verse 17. Then we which are alive and remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air and so shall we ever be with the Lord. Verse 18. Also remember that Jesus christ of the seed of David was raised from the dead according to my gospel. 2nd Timothy and 8 verse, Now the God of peace that brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus. Hebrews. 13 chapter and 20 verse. Then dear brethren, man is the consideration, for he saith no man can come unto me, except my father which sent me, draw him. and I will raise him up at the last day. So pray for Zion and me.

A. J. TYLOR.

# STATISTICAL TABLE

| Churches. | Pastors. | Delegates. | Sabbath meetings | Baptized | Rec'ved by letter | Dismis'd by letter | Excluded | Restored | Deceased | Membership | Contribution |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| New Hope | J. J. Godsey | J. J. Godsey, M. H. Glenn, John Winsett | 1st | 1 | 1 | 7 | 1 | 3 | 54 | | $2.20 |
| Forks of Buttahatchie | J. A. Holcombe | J. A. Holcombe, B. W. Howell J. A. Beasley. | 3d | | | 17 | | 1 | 14 | | 0.75 |
| Union | Not represented. | | | | | | | | | | |
| New Salem | J. T. Harris | W M. Davis | 4th | | | | | | | | 0.55 |
| Hepsabia | J. J. Godsey | A. M. Mays | 2d | | | 9 | | | 6 | | 1.00 |
| Pilgrim's Home | A. J. Taylor | E. W. Creel | 4th | | | 1 | | | 10 | | 0.50 |
| Shiloh | Not represented. | | | | | | | | | | |

Received of John Winsett $5.00 for printing minutes. R. N. Ferrell.